

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **October 11, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 6

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: US Department of Justice Grant- Community Prosecution Program (formally titled: "Community-Based Problem-Solving Criminal Justice Initiative")

RECOMMENDATION: Amend the FY 2006 City/Federal/State Aid Fund Budget and appropriate \$108,994 with resources of \$91,510 from the US Department of Justice and \$17,484 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund for continuation of the Community Prosecution Program.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney has received an award of a federally-funded two-year grant from the US Department of Justice for continuation of the Community Prosecution Program (see additional background information attached). The grant award is \$183,021 in federal funds and \$34,967 in non-federal funds from the Asset Forfeiture Fund for a grant total of \$217,988. The amount for FY 2006 is \$108,994.

Exit Strategy: The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney will continue to be aggressive in its efforts to apply for continuation funding for this initiative on the federal and state level; however, should further grant funding be denied for whatever reason, and no further funding options are available at any level (Federal/State/Local), the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney will have no choice but to terminate its Community Prosecution Program.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee October 4, 2005

FISCAL IMPACT: \$91,510 in federal funds and \$17,484 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund in FY 2006, \$91,511 in federal funds and \$17,483 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund in FY 2007 .

CONTACT(S):

William G. Petty, Commonwealth's Attorney, 455-3761
Cindy Tolle, Grants Administrator, 455-3777

ATTACHMENT(S):

- ◆ Resolution
- ◆ US Department of Justice grant award letter and statement of special conditions
- ◆ Background information

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED That the City/Federal/State Aid Fund FY 2006 budget is amended and \$108,994 is appropriated, with resources of \$91,510 from the US Department of Justice and \$17,484 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund, for continuation of the Community Prosecution program.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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Background Information

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney has had an operational Community Prosecution program for the last year. As part of this effort, the Community Prosecutor has made numerous contacts in the community, offered community-based workshops, and has participated in various coalitions, neighborhood watches, nuisance abatement efforts, and many other activities designed to address crime prevention and community needs. In furtherance of the program and its goals to integrate the community into the folds of the criminal justice system, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office applied for, and received, a grant to initiate an integrated community court system here in Lynchburg.

The Lynchburg Community-Based Problem Solving Criminal Justice Initiative, as termed by the US Department of Justice, is built upon the premise that structured interventions with defendants at the early stages of crime can prevent further escalation of violence in even the most distressed community. This effort promotes the merits of bringing social services and mediation into the folds of the criminal justice process and strives to integrate the concept of a "community court" into a traditional court system in a small city with limited resources. Further, this project seeks to utilize the resources already present in the community and the court system in a more effective and community-oriented approach.

To accomplish the program's goals requires inviting non-traditional criminal justice players—community members, social service, and non-profit partners—to participate in the design and implementation of this initiative and asks them to work alongside members of law enforcement to repair the disconnect between traditional court sanctions and access to social services, creating community-driven sanctions for those who commit crime in the pilot project neighborhood. The pilot neighborhood chosen is James Crossing, a community with a high rate of gang violence, drug activity, domestic violence, and homicides.

The purpose of this initiative is to restore safety to the City's most high-risk neighborhood and to empower residents to reclaim their communities. Aside from reducing recidivism and crime rates, the inclusion of the community in the criminal justice system process as problem-solvers will allow members of the target community to feel empowered and to view themselves as important stakeholders in this effort.



Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20531

September 21, 2005

Ms. Cindy Tolle
City of Lynchburg
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Dear Ms. Tolle:

On behalf of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Office of Justice Programs has approved your application for funding under the FY 2005 Community-Based Problem-Solving Criminal Justice Initiative in the amount of \$183,021 for City of Lynchburg.

Enclosed you will find the Grant Award and Special Conditions documents. This award is subject to all administrative and financial requirements, including the timely submission of all financial and programmatic reports, resolution of all interim audit findings, and the maintenance of a minimum level of cash-on-hand. Should you not adhere to these requirements, you will be in violation of the terms of this agreement and the award will be subject to termination for cause or other administrative action as appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this award, please contact:

- Program Questions, Lori A. Sherrod, Program Manager at (202) 305-7424; and
- Financial Questions, the Office of the Comptroller, Customer Service Center (CSC) at (800) 458-0786, or you may contact the CSC at ask.oc@usdoj.gov.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Regina B. Schofield", is positioned above the typed name.

Regina B. Schofield
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures



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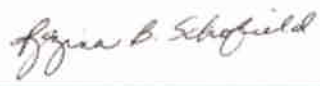
Ms. Cindy Tolle
City of Lynchburg
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Reference Grant Number: 2005-PP-CX-0006

Dear Ms. Tolle:

I am pleased to inform you that my office has approved the following budget categories for the aforementioned grant award in the cost categories identified below:

Category	Budget
Personnel	\$104,000
Fringe Benefits	\$35,868
Travel	\$7,710
Equipment	\$9,000
Supplies	\$8,760
Construction	\$0
Contractual	\$40,650
Other	\$12,000
Total Direct Cost	\$217,988
Indirect Cost	\$0
Total Project Cost	\$217,988
Federal Funds Approved:	\$183,021
Non-Federal Share:	\$34,967
Program Income:	\$0

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1. RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code) City of Lynchburg 900 Church Street Lynchburg, VA 24504	4. AWARD NUMBER: 2005-PP-CX-0006																	
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	9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT \$ 0																	
3. PROJECT TITLE City of Lynchburg, VA Community-Based Problem-Solving Initiative	10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD \$ 183,021																	
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12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED PAGE(S).																		
13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT This project is supported under 42 U.S.C. 3741 (BJA - general)																		
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AWARD DATE 09/21/2005

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The recipient agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide.
2. The recipient acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if recipient is required to submit one pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302), that is approved by the Office for Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the recipient is in compliance.
3. The recipient agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, as further described in the current edition of the OJP Financial Guide, Chapter 19.
4. Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of OJP.
5. The recipient shall submit to BJA one copy of all reports and proposed publications resulting from this agreement twenty (20) days prior to public release. Any written, visual, or audio publications, with the exception of press releases, whether published at the grantee's or government's expense, shall contain the following statements:

"This project was supported by Grant No. 2005-PP-CX-0006 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Office for Victims of Crime. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not represent the official position or policies of the United State Department of Justice."

The current edition of the OJP Financial Guide provides guidance on allowable printing activities.

6. The recipient agrees to submit to BJA for review and approval any curricula, training materials, or any other written materials that will be published, including web-based materials and web site content, through funds from this grant at least thirty (30) working days prior to the targeted dissemination date.
7. The recipient agrees to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.